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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RUMOR OF HEROIN LABORATORIES IN MARSEILLE

REF: STATE 019831

1. DEA, AFTER RECHECKING WITH FRENCH POLICE JUDICIAIRE, INCLUDING DIRECTOR LE MOUEL, IS OF FIRM OPINION THAT NO LABORATORIES ARE OPERATING IN THE MARSEILLE/NICE REGION. DEA HAS HAD TWO CI'S IN AND OUT OF MARSEILLE FOR THE LAST 18 MONTHS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO FIND HARD DRUGS PROCESSED IN THE AREA FOR EXPORT. TO DATE THEY HAVE TURNED UP NOTHING.

2. WE NOTE THAT DEFFERRE DOES NOT MAKE AN AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT THAT ANY LABS EXIST IN MARSEILLE, BUT RATHER AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE THAT HE DOES NOT DENY RUMORS OF THEIR EXISTENCE. THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE READ AS A POLITICAL SLAP AT PARIS AUTHORITIES, WHICH HE ADMITS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT IN HIS CITY. IT IS TRUE THAT DRUG USE HAS INCREASED IN THE MARSEILLE AREA, AS ELSEWHERE IN FRANCE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND DEFFERRE'S STATEMENTS COULD BE INTENDED TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS TREND. BUT IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT ALL THESE
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DRUGS ARE PROCESSED ELSEWHERE, MAINLY SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. EMBASSY AND DEA WILL BE MAKING FURTHER CHECKS WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES, THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN MARSEILLE AND OTHER CONTACTS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY BASIS AT ALL TO THE RUMOR MENTIONED IN NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE.
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